

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus including an electrostatic latent image carrier for carrying an electrostatic latent image on a peripheral surface thereof, a plurality of development units each accommodating a toner and adapted to develop the electrostatic latent image by the toner, a development unit holder capable of holding the plurality of development units, and a control unit for the development unit holder for controlling the operation of the development unit holder and for selectively changing over the development unit used in development among the plurality of development units, the image forming apparatus comprising: an identifying device for identifying at least color information on the toner accommodated in the development unit, wherein the development unit holder is capable of holding at least two development units accommodating the toner of a same color, and wherein the control unit identifies the development units of the same color based on the color information identified by the identifying device, and controls the operation of the development unit holder so as to effect monochrome development by using the at least two development units.